

JAMES B. WOOD.

MARCH 23, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HUTCHINS, from the Committee on Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James B. Wood, "praying to be paid for mules and oxen lost by him in New Mexico from capture by the Indians," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report.

That the petitioner avers that he made a verbal contract with Captain A. W. Reynolds, assistant quartermaster of the United States army, to deliver certain oxen and mules to the army in New Mexico, the said Reynolds agreeing that the government would indemnify him against all loss from the Indians. There is no sufficient proof of any such contract, though several witnesses think Captain Reynolds assented to the arrangement. It is a little remarkable that the claimant does not offer Captain Reynolds as a witness in his case, as he would be entirely competent; and from a memorandum among the papers, your committee presume the fact to be that Captain Reynolds, himself, never made any such contract. Your committee, therefore, report back the case, with a recommendation that the prayer of the petition be not granted.

JAMES H. WOOD.

Witness in the case of the
United States vs. James H. Wood.

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The Committee on Claims, to whom referred the petition of James
H. Wood, praying to be paid for money and costs due to him in the
case of the United States vs. James H. Wood, and the same under con-
sideration, and beg leave to report.

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all loss from the Indians. There is no sufficient proof of any other
contract, though several witnesses think (caption Reynolds) admitted to
the arrangement. It is the intention that the Government should
offer (caption Reynolds) as witness in the case, as it would be subject
compulsory; and from a representation against the report, your committee
will presume to act as that (caption Reynolds) himself never
negotiated with certain. Your committee therefore report back in
case, with a recommendation that the matter of the petition be not
granted.